

City of Auburn Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 - 10:00 AM – Council Conference Room

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn. Members present included Chair Kelly, Chair Pro Tem Bill Petersen, Member John Holman, Member Wayne Osborne, and Member-at-large Kurt Vogel. Also present were Board Attorney Steve Gross and Board Secretary Danielle Daskam.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Claims for payment from Murray Board and Doris Darough were added to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the February 4, 2014 LEOFF Board Meeting
Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Pending Disability Leave/Retirement Applications
There was no pending disability leave/retirement application.

- B. Pending Medical/Hearing/Vision Dental Claims

1. Rudy Peden

- a. Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$232.28 for services received on November 14, 2013 and processed by insurance on November 26, 2013. No additional information was received.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to table the claim an additional month.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Disability Leave/Retirement Applications

No application for disability leave/retirement was received.

B. Appeals/Requests for Reconsideration

No request for reconsideration was received.

C. Medical/Hearing/Vision/Dental Claims

1. Theodore Lindback

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$178.15 for services received on February 4, 2014. Mr. Lindback has not received dental reimbursement in 2014.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$178.15.

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2. Richard Schneider

Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$334.97 for services received on February 13, 2014. Mr. Schneider has not received vision expense reimbursement in the last year.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$334.97 for two sets of glasses.

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3. Robert Wigley

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$160.00 for services received on February 5, 2014. Mr. Wigley has not received dental expense reimbursement in 2014.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$160.00.

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4. Ed Wolters

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- a. Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$115.00 for services received on January 15, 2014. Mr. Wolters has not received dental reimbursement in 2014.

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$115.00.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$7.44 for services received on March 28, 2013.

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$7.44.

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5. Murray Board

Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$109.98 for services received on February 27, 2014. Mr. Board last received vision reimbursement on March 5, 2013 in the amount of \$89.98.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Holman to approve the claim in the amount of \$109.98.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

6. Doris Darough

Request for reimbursement of long term/home health care costs in the amount of \$7,560.00 for the month of February, 2014.

Motion by Member Holman, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$7,560.00.

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D. Other Discussion

1. Correspondence received from Fire retiree Eugene (Mick) Crawford

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The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence from Mr. Crawford regarding eligibility for Social Security and enrollment in Medicare.

Chair Pro Tem Petersen stated the LEOFF Board Policies and Procedures require members to enroll in Medicare; premiums for enrollment are eligible for reimbursement. Chair Pro Tem Petersen recommended the Board correspond with Mr. Crawford to advise him to contact Social Security Administration and file for Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. Board Attorney Gross will draft a letter for the Chair's signature and transmittal to Mr. Crawford.

2. Correspondence received from Fire retiree Alan Kosko
The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from retiree Alan Kosko regarding medications he is currently prescribed, which are not covered under the new Regence Medicare Advantage Program formulary.

3. Annual Review of LEOFF Board Policies and Procedures

Board members reviewed the LEOFF Board Policies and Procedures and recommended the following changes:

Section 9.02

A. Active LEOFF 1 Members

Vision insurance coverage is provided for active LEOFF 1 members through ~~Vision Service Plan~~Regence BlueShield. If any balance remains after ~~Vision Service Plan~~Regence BlueShield, or any other vision plan the LEOFF I member is enrolled in, has paid its benefit, the member should forward a copy of the Explanation of Benefits statement together with a completed Corrective Lenses and Frames Worksheet to the LEOFF Board for consideration. The LEOFF Board will reimburse up to the amounts described below. The reimbursement rates apply after all insurance coverages have been applied. Any balance due after the LEOFF Board reimbursement is the responsibility of the LEOFF I member.

Section 8.02(D)(1), Board Attorney Gross will draft additional language regarding definition of accidental injury as it relates to dental expenses.

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Section 8.02(F), Board Attorney Gross will draft proposed language to replace paragraph F regarding a member's enrollment in Medicare.

Section 8.03 and Section 9.01, Board Attorney Gross will draft proposed language regarding durable medical equipment that requires pre-approval and proof of medical necessity.

Section 9.01(G) amend to read as follows:

Claims which do not have complete documentation shall ~~may~~ be tabled until the next LEOFF Board meeting or until the required documentation is provided so it is crucial to have the required paperwork. Only those medical services which are deemed necessary shall be approved, unless the Board finds the condition which has caused the need for such medical service was caused or brought on by dissipation or abuse. Determinations of dissipation or abuse and the necessity of such medical services shall be determined by the Board after considering the medical evaluation of the Board's medical advisor together with any other relevant evidence.

Section 9.02, correct the numbering of paragraph titled "Corrective Vision Surgery".

Section 9.03, Medical Claims for Hearing Aids, amend to read in part as follows:

The City of Auburn LEOFF Board will authorize a payment for hearing aid(s) up to an amount determined by the LEOFF Board designated hearing aid provider (~~Price/Costco as of 4/1/97~~). . .

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the amendments to the LEOFF Board Policies and Procedures as discussed.

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4. LEOFF (WSLEA) 2014 Annual Conference
Chair Pro Tem Petersen and Member Vogel will be attending the annual conference in Chelan May 12-15, 2014.

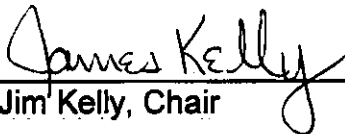
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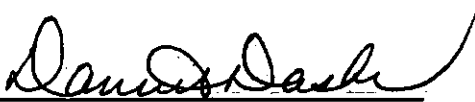
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

APPROVED this 1st day of April, 2014.



Jim Kelly, Chair



Danielle Daskam, City Clerk